

# Fishing In Idaho

For anglers, Idaho is truly a land of opportunity and variety. From alpine peaks to lowland deserts and valleys, a dazzling array of waters await discovery; 26,000 miles of streams and rivers, more than 3,000 natural lakes, and a quarter-million acres of ponds and reservoirs.

Inhabiting those waters are 42 gamefish species, from giant white sturgeon to wild trout, catfish to kokanee, and smallmouth bass to salmon and steelhead. Fishing trips can be as simple as a short walk to a local pond or as challenging as a wilderness float trip; there are plenty of options from which to choose.

Whether budding angler or seasoned veteran, this guide will help you plan your next fishing adventure. From basic fishing gear and fishing tips to biology and management of key sportfish, it's all here. The guide divides the state into eight regions, allowing you to focus on specific areas; maps and information charts will help you find waters to match your fishing preferences.

Most Idaho waters have year-round fishing seasons. However, many rivers and streams and some lakes have special rules and seasons. Pick up a fishing rules brochure which outlines season

dates, special regulations and bag limits. Brochures are available at all Idaho Fish and Game offices and most sporting goods stores statewide.

Every angler 14 years old or older must have a valid license to fish in Idaho. Resident anglers under 14 may fish without a license and keep their own bag limits of fish. Nonresident anglers under 14 may fish without a license if accompanied by a license-holding adult. Purchase licenses at any local license vendor, Fish and Game office, via telephone or through Fish and Game's website:

<http://fishandgame.idaho.gov>.

Use the **Idaho Fishing Planner** on the Fish and Game website to plan your next fishing trip. Click the Fishing Planner icon to find any stream, lake or reservoir in the state, see what fish species live there and check fishing rules.

You can even print customized maps.

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